

Agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 764.

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**Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation:** The House agreed to H. Res. 764, to recognize and honor firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation, by voice vote.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 25, 2006.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appear on page H1565.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1576–77, H1577–78, H1621, H1621–22, H1622–23, H1623, H1623–24, H1624–25, H1625. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:45 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 382, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

## Committee Meetings

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Natwar Gamdi,

Chief Financial Officer; and Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford. Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Kim Callan, Chief of the Cost of Engineering Directory of Expertise and the Project Manager of the Independent Review Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; Department of Energy; A.J. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; and a public witness.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gregg Giddens, Director, Secure Border Initiative Office; Deborah Spero, Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection Commission; and Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

### MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA. Testimony was heard from Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### MILITARY, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on policy, compensation, and benefits overview. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, G1, Department of the Army; VADM John C. Harvey, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, A1, Department of the Air Force; and LTG H.P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

#### NAVY'S ENERGY-EFFICIENT PROPULSION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on Integration of Energy-Efficient Propulsion Systems for Future U.S. Navy Vessels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: RADM Bernard J. McCullough, USN, Director, Surface Warfare (N86); RADM Joseph A. Walsh, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87); RADM William E. Landay, III, USN, Chief of Naval Research; and RADM Kevin McCoy, USN, Deputy Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Ship Design, Integration and Engineering; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### NAVY TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Navy Transformation. Testimony was heard from John Jamian, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and VADM Justin D. McCarthy, USN, Director, Material Readiness and Logistics, Department of the Navy.

#### DEFENSE UAVS/SURVEILLANCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Sharon Pickup, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lolita Long, Deputy Under Secretary, (Policy, Requirements, and Resources); BG Stephen Mundt, USA, Army Director of Aviation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; RADM Bruce Clingan, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Air Warfare Division; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; and MG Stanley Gorenc, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, U.S. Air Force.

#### DEFENSE IT/TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on information technology issues and defense transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Grimes, Assistant Secretary (Networks and Information Integration); LTG Charlie Croom, USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency; LTG Steven W. Boutelle, USA, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army; Dave Wennergren, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Navy; BG George J. Allen, USMC, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Michael Petersen, USAF, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force; Paul Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; and Thomas Modly, Deputy Under Secretary, Financial Management, both with the Business Transformation Agency.

#### U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing entitled "Building America's Competitiveness: Examining What Is Needed To Compete in a Global Economy." Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; and public witnesses.

#### PROJECT BIOSHIELD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Project Bioshield Reauthorization Issues." Testimony was heard from Alex M. Azar, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jean D. Reed, Special Assistant, Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Programs, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary, Nuclear and Chemical Biological Defense, Department of Defense, and public witnesses.

#### INTERNET CHILD PREDATORS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: William W. Mercer, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana; Frank Kardasz, Sgt Phoenix Police Department, Project Director, Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; and Flint Waters, Lead Special Agent, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Technology Center; and Chris

Swecker, Acting Assistant Executive Director, FBI; James Plitt, Director, Cyber Crimes Center, Office of Investigations; and John P. Clark, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service: William E. Kezer, Deputy Chief Inspector; and Raymond C. Smith, Assistant Inspector in Charge, Child Pornography and Adult Obscenity; and a public witness.

#### **FOREIGN COUNTER-TERRORISM ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Counter-Terrorism Financing Foreign Training and Assistance: Progress since 9/11." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Gerald M. Feierstein, Deputy Coordinator, Programs and Plans, Department of State; William Larry McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Technical Assistance Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4975, amended, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; and H.R. 5112, Executive Branch Reform Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved the following Investigative Reports: "Strengthening Disease Surveillance" and "Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford To Wait?"

#### **INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: A Post-Katrina Review of International Disaster Assistance." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Scott Rowell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense for Homeland Security (Strategy, Plans, and Resources); and Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; the following officials of the Department of State: Deborah McCarthy, Director, Hurricane Katrina Task Force Working Group; and Gregory C. Gottlieb, Acting Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Casey Long, Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Hudson LaForce, Senior Counsel to the Secretary, Department of Education.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY AND PERSONAL PRIVACY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise." Testimony was heard from Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology met in executive session to receive a briefing on the implementation plan for the President's National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

#### **PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT; RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the chairman to request that the following resolution be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 697, Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

#### **ARCHBISHOP OCAMPO KILLING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; and H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on An End to Impunity: Investigating the 1993 Killing of

Mexican Archbishop Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TERRORISM AND BORDER SECURITY

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Checking Terrorism at the Border. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Maxwell, former Director, Office of Security and Investigations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

### SADDAM HUSSEIN'S DOCUMENTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein. Testimony was heard from Daniel Butler, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director of National Intelligence Open Source, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and the following officials of the Joint Forces Command, Department of Defense: BG Anthony A. Cucolo, III, USA, Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis; and LTC Kevin M. Woods, USA (Ret.), Project Leader and Principal Author of Iraqi Perspective Project; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing entitled "The United States Department of Justice." Testimony was heard from Alberto Gonzales, the Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### FUELING RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN AMERICA—ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL LANDS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Role of the Federal Government and Federal Lands in Fueling Renewable and Alternative Energy in America. Testimony was heard from Wayne Arny, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Facilities, Department of the Navy; Leland Roy Mink, Manager, Office of Geothermal Technology, Department of Energy; Marcia Patton-Mallory, National Biomass and Bio-Energy Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA; and Brenda Aird, Ombudsman for Renewable Energy, Department of the Interior.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 479, To replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Re-

sources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 1656, To correct maps depicting Unit T-10 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 3280, To exempt certain coastal barrier areas in Florida from Limitations on Federal expenditures and financial assistance under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, and limitations on flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kingston and Mack; Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITATION TRENDS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on Visitation Trends in the National Park System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Marcia Blaszk, Regional Director, Alaska Region; and Pat Hooks, Regional Director, Southeast Region; Mike Cerletti, Secretary of Tourism, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLIES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled "Protecting Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta Water Supplies and Responding to Catastrophic Failures in California Water Deliveries." Testimony was heard from BG Joseph Schroedel, USA, Commander and Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; William Lokey, Operations Branch Chief, Response Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Kirk Rodgers, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Lester Snow, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

### GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Assessing the Goals, Schedule, and Costs of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. Testimony was heard from Shane Johnson, Deputy Director, Technology, Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## SMALL HEALTHCARE GROUPS/ELECTRONIC RECORDS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Can Small Healthcare Groups Feasibly Adopt Electronic Medical Records Technology?” Testimony was heard from Representative Gingrey; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from MG Don T. Riley, USA Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Marines of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating service members or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act; and H.R. 5038, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries and to provide Government markers or memorial headstones for deceased dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers of Michigan, Chabot, Reyes, Filner, Baldwin, Langevin, and Udall of New Mexico; William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John C. Metzler, Jr., Superintendent, Arlington National

Cemetery, Department of the Army; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on health information technology (IT). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Brailer, M.D., Technology Coordinator; and Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General; and public witnesses.

## TAX SEASON/IRS BUDGET

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2006 tax return filing season, the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2007, and other issues in tax administration. Testimony was heard from the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration; Raymond T. Wagner, Chairman, Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on building the capacity of foreign military forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled “Out at Home: Why Most Nats Fans Can't See Their Team on TV,” 12:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Task Force on Telecom and Antitrust, oversight hearing on Network Neutrality: Competition, Innovation, and Nondiscriminatory Access, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.